

the end of the world. Revelation will reveal additional details about some of the same kingdoms, powers and events that we saw in Daniel.

Understanding Revelation's relationship to the rest of the Bible is imperative for a proper interpretation of its prophecies. In fact, much of Revelation refers to or alludes to other Bible prophecies, stories and passages. Revelation is appropriately the last book of the Bible because in its pages all scripture culminates in a glorious climax.

Revelation can best be understood if there is some awareness of the literary style and devices which are used to structure and emphasize this book. Revelation is written in a literary style known as a chiasm (KIE-asm), a double list of related items in which the order of the second list is opposite to, or a mirror image, of the first. So in this way the Introduction is related to the Conclusion, the 7 churches are related to the New Jerusalem, the 7 seals are linked to the millennium, and in the middle of the book, the 7 trumpets and the woman in white correspond to the 7 last plagues and the woman in scarlet. The first half of the book is organized in four prophetic sweeps of time that cover from the New Testament era to the second coming, reflecting the format of the prophecies of Daniel.

**The Great Controversy in Fulfillment** – Two parts on the punishment of the wicked; two parts on the reward of the saints.

Ch. 15-16 **The 7 Last Plagues** – The world is punished with severe judgments.

Ch. 17-19 **The Woman in Scarlet** – The corrupt and apostate church is punished.

Ch. 19 **The Millennium** – Christ enthrones His resurrected people.

Ch. 21-22 **The New Jerusalem** – The church is gathered and at peace, and receives her reward.

Ch. 22 Conclusion

## The Mirrorlike Organization of the Book of Revelation

### The Great Controversy in Fulfillment End-time Fulfillment Half of Revelation

#### 7 LAST PLAGUES (15:1 to 16:21)

*Very Severe Judgments  
Punish the World*

1. Earth. 16:2
2. Sea. 16:3
3. Rivers and fountains. 16:4
4. Sun. 16:8,9
5. Darkness on throne of the beast. 16:10,11
6. River Euphrates. 16:12,16
7. A loud voice: It is done! 16:17-21

#### FALL OF BABYLON (17:1 to 19:10)

*Downfall of the False  
Mother*

- False mother, dressed in scarlet. 17:4
- Her children are harlots. 17:5
- Woman in wilderness. 17:3
- Beast with 7 heads, 10 horns. 17:3
- Babylon is Fallen! 18:2
- Testimony of Jesus. 19:10

#### MILLENNIUM (19:11 to 21:8)

*Christ Enthrones His  
Resurrected People*

- Heaven opened. 19:11
- Rider on white horse followed by riders on white horses. 19:11-16
- Souls of martyrs, resurrected, are enthroned as judges. 20:4-6
- White robes. 19:14
- Kings, captains, etc., are killed. 19:17-21

#### NEW JERUSALEM (21:9 to 22:9)

*Christ Rewards His  
Church, at Peace,  
Gathered Into One City*

- Christ is the eternal Light. 21:23
- Tree of life. 22:2
- Gates never closed. 21:25
- Throne of God and of the Lamb. 22:1,3
- New Jerusalem comes down from heaven. 21:10
- I am coming soon. 22:7